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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA-2015-006]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to request extension of a currently approved information collection used when veterans or other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents in military service records. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration. **ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (ISP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7409; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number 301-837-1694, or fax number 301-713-7409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.L. 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of

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the following points: (a) whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology; and (e) whether small businesses are affected by this collection. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Request Pertaining to Military Records

OMB number: 3095-0029

Agency form number: SF 180

Type of review: Regular

Affected public: Veterans, their authorized representatives, state and local governments,

and businesses

Estimated number of respondents: 1,028,769

Estimated time per response: 5 minutes

Frequency of response: On occasion (when respondent wishes to request information from a military personnel record).

Estimated total annual burden hours: 85,731 hours

Abstract: The authority for this information collection is contained in 36 CFR

1233.18(d). In accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense (DOD) and

Department of Homeland Security (DHS, US Coast Guard), the National Personnel Records

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Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) administers

military service records of veterans after discharge, retirement, and death. When veterans and

other authorized individuals request information from or copies of documents in military service

records, they must provide in forms or in letters certain information about the veteran and the

nature of the request. Federal agencies, military departments, veterans' organizations,

and the general public use Standard Forms (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, in

order to obtain information from military service records stored at NPRC. Veterans and next-of-

kin of deceased veterans can also use eVetRecs

(http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/) to order copies.

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